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EXAMINING GROUP 1308

In re application of :

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Serial No. 07/855,036 :

Group Art Unit 1308

Filed May 1, 1992 :

Examiner T. Reardon

METHOD TO ISOLATE MACROMOLECULES:
USING MAGNETICALLY ATTRACTABLE :
BEADS WHICH DO NOT SPECIFICALLY :
BIND THE MACROMOLECULES :

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the final rejection dated February 3, 1994, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 13, line 5, delete "out of solution".

Claim 14, lines 2 and 4, change "impure solution" to --bacterial lysate--.

Claim 15, line 7, change "particles" to --beads--.

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Claim 16 (Amended). A method for recovering low molecular weight nucleic acids from a starting solution of a [material selected from the group consisting of] bacteriophage[, virus, cell and mixtures thereof,] by the use of magnetically attractable beads which do not specifically bind the said [material] bacteriophage, which method comprises the steps:

precipitating the said [material] bacteriophage out of solution in the presence of the suspended magnetically attractable beads whereby the [material] bacteriophage becomes non-specifically associated with the beads,

applying a magnetic field to draw down a precipitate of the [material] bacteriophage and the associated beads,